

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the enclosed amendments to the claims of this application. Claims 1 through 20 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 21 through 40 are presently pending in the application.

Pending claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants believe that this amendment may be made as a matter of right under 37 U.S.C. 1.116(b), and therefore request its entry.

Additionally, the proposed claim amendments to claims 22, 23, 24, and 25 correct typographical errors in the claim numbering of dependency. They currently recite depending from claim 1 (previously cancelled). The proposed amendments make claims 22, 23, 24, and 25 depend from claim 21, which was the original intention when claims 21 through 40 were added. Therefore under 37 CFR 1.116(b) applicants believe that the claims as amended would present the claims in better form for consideration on the Appeal, and hereby request that these amendments be admitted.

SUMMARY

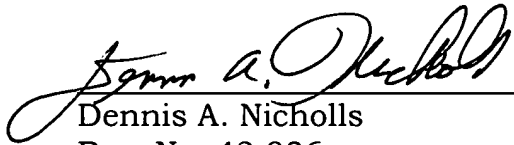
Applicants have filed a Notice of Appeal on 02/23/2004.
Applicants therefore respectfully request that the presented claims amendments be entered.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact applicants' representative, Dennis A. Nicholls, at (408) 765-5789.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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